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SUBJECT: ANGOLA, THE OAU SUMMIT

REF: TUNIS 7476

1. MOFA AMERICAS DIVISION CHIEF DISCUSSED ANGOLA DILEMMA

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WITH EMBOFF DEC. 19. EMBOFF EXPRESSED OPINION THAT TUNIS

PRESS, BY GIVING BETTER COVERAGE TO VISIT BY ZAIREAN ENVOY THAN TO THAT OF NIGERIAN EMISSARY (REFTEL), MAY HAVE EXPRESSED CONTINUING GOT FAVORITISM FOR ZAIRE'S "ALL AFRICA" SOLUTION TO ANGOLA DISPUTE. MOFA OFFICER SAID GOT HAD ONLY LISTENED POLITELY TO THE NIGERIAN AND HAD POINTED OUT THAT NIGERIA HAD DISCREDITED ITSELF AS AN INTERMEDIARY AMONG CONTENDING ANGOLA FORCES. GOT HAD MADE CLEAR TO ZAIREAN FONMIN THAT TUNISIA FEELS ITSELF CLOSER TO ZAIRE ON THE SUBJECT.

2. ASKED ABOUT OAU SUMMIT, MOFA OFFICER SAID THAT SINCE 31 MEMBERS NOW FAVORED A SUMMIT IT WOULD BE HELD. THE USUAL PRACTICE OF CONVENING A MEETING EIGHT DAYS AFTER THE 31ST OAU MEMBER AGREES TO PARTICIPATE WOULD NOT BE FOLLOWED. INSTEAD, AT SOMALIA'S SUGGESTION, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT FONMINS WILL MEET JANUARY 8 FOLLOWED BY HEADS OF STATE JANUARY 10-13. BECAUSE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ADDIS ABABA, GOT HAS DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND. THIS IS NOT A REFLECTION OF TUNISIA'S OPINION OF THE SUMMIT OR OF THE DIVISION WITHIN THE OAU, BUT IS THE RESULT OF THE "ABRUPT AND UNCALLED FOR MANNER" IN WHICH ETHIOPIA BROKE RELATIONS WITH TUNISIA, SAID MOFA OFFICER. HE DID NOT MAKE CLEAR WHETHER GOT BELIEVES GOE WOULD REFUSE TO ALLOW TUNISIAN PARTICIPATION OR WHETHER GOT SIMPLY DOES NOT WISH TO RUN THAT RISK. HE SAID GOT'S DECISION RELATED TO FACT THAT WHEN GOE BROKE RELATIONS GOT HAD PROPOSED THAT OAU HEADQUARTERS BE MOVED TO A DIFFERENT CAPITAL.
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